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BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN
RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2070)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act providing for a state child care assistance program
- 2 eligibility pilot project.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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- 1 Section 1. CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE ELIGIBILITY PILOT PROJECT.
- The department of human services shall implement a pilot
- 3 project in Hamilton, Lee, Pottawattamie, and Scott counties
- 4 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014. Under the pilot
- 5 project, for persons residing in the pilot project counties,
- 6 the department shall apply revised requirements to authorize
- 7 eligibility for the state child care assistance program for the
- 8 following families who meet the program's other eligibility
- 9 requirements:
- 10 a. Families with an income at or below 100 percent of the
- 11 federal poverty level whose members, for at least 28 hours
- 12 per week in the aggregate, are employed or are participating
- 13 at a satisfactory level in an approved training program or
- 14 educational program.
- 15 b. Families with an income of more than 100 percent but
- 16 not more than 145 percent of the federal poverty level whose
- 17 members, for at least 28 hours per week in the aggregate, are
- 18 employed or are participating at a satisfactory level in an
- 19 approved training program or educational program.
- 20 2. The department shall report to the governor and general
- 21 assembly in January 2015 concerning the pilot project. The
- 22 department shall consult with participating families, community
- 23 colleges, united way agencies, and other stakeholders in
- 24 developing the report. The information in the report shall
- 25 provide findings and recommendations and shall include but
- 26 is not limited to an analysis of the fiscal effect on the
- 27 program of applying the revised requirements, the effect
- 28 of the revised requirements on the current net income and
- 29 potential future income of the families utilizing the revised
- 30 eligibility requirements, and the effect of applying the
- 31 revised eligibility requirements on a statewide basis.
- 32 EXPLANATION
- 33 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with 34 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.
- 35 This bill provides for a pilot project for state child care

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- 1 assistance program eligibility requirements. The program is
- 2 to be administered by the department of human services. In
- 3 the four pilot project counties (Hamilton, Lee, Pottawattamie,
- 4 and Scott), the program's eligibility requirements based
- 5 upon income and employment for at least 28 hours per week or
- 6 participation in an educational program are revised for two
- 7 income eligibility groups.
- 8 The 28-hour-per-week employment requirement is revised to
- 9 apply to a combination of employment and participation at a
- 10 satisfactory level in an approved training or education program
- 11 for 28 hours per week in the aggregate.